

Living Victorious in 2012

I don't know about you but the Sundays that the Pastor has preached an excellent sermon about being victorious in our daily life, I am all charged up and eager to face a new week.

Monday - I dare anyone to come by so I can tell them how good God is and witness for HIM.

Tuesday - Not quite as eager, but by

Wednesday - I look back and see what a dismal failure I've been and hope no one notices that my smile and confidence has faded ; Then I realize that I have forgotten an important teaching from the Apostle Paul in (Romans 7:21) "When I would do good, evil is present with me!" and so much for my victory that week!

Now, if you have ever experienced anything similar, I have some very good news for you. Our Heavenly Father, in His Divine Wisdom, has not left us in a hostile world ruled by principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness of this world to live a defeated life, cowering and fearful. (Ephesians 6:12). Instead, He has indwelt us with a Spiritual Teacher in the person of His Holy Spirit (John 14:16) (John 14:26) who teaches us all things.

Also, He has given us His Word as a guide for victory.

So the Good News is this: In Psalms 37, as the Holy Spirit leads, I find 7 steps that lead to victory that lasts all week!

Step 1: (Psalms 37:1) “Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.”

We wonder sometimes why we have such a hard time, especially financially, in this present economy. It seems that the people that never acknowledge anything about God prosper and thrive. We think, Lord I tithe and bring offerings into your storehouse, etc., etc.

But we see their reward in (vs. 2), and we see our benefit in (1st Peter- 3:12), so fret not means don't worry or be anxious over your finances.

Step 2: (Psalms 37-vs 2) Trust in the Lord and do good - even when we realize that evil (or the evil one) is with you (Psalms 118:8-9) and (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Step 3: (Psalms 37-vs 4) Delight thyself also in the Lord. And this comes with a promise.....and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart!

The word “delight” simply means a high degree of pleasure, joy, or to have or to take pleasure in. Then we should enjoy our time spent with Him.

Step 4: (Psalms 37-vs 5) Commit thy ways unto the Lord - let our memory be stirred with this thought - In myself I can do nothing, but I can do all things in Christ! It is all

Him.

Step 5: (Psalms 37-vs 7) Rest in the Lord and wait patiently upon Him does not mean we do nothing, but does mean we wait for His direction on decisions we make that affect our lives great or small.

The first 5 steps seem pretty simple but six and seven really bring it home for us:

Step 6: (Psalms 37-vs 8) Cease from anger and forsake wrath, in no way do evil. Be not hasty in thy Spirit (heart) to be angry, for anger resteth in the bosom of fools (Ecclesiastes 7:9). He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty (Proverbs 16:32). Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man (believer) be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath (James 1:19).

This is where the evil one usually defeats the Christian. Our anger usually overcomes any good work we have accomplished - but we are told not to recompense evil for evil, but to overcome evil with good.

Step 7: (Psalms 37-vs 16) Be content with such as you have ; a little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked!

Learn these steps and implement them into your daily lives and Victory will surely follow.